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Parade Success

The annual memorial day parade left Legion Hall, at one-thirty. Leading the procession were the color bearers and guards followed by the band in full regalia. A troop of Coast Guardmen followed. Led by Arthur Wholly, Veterans of the World War marched with the Boy Scouts of troop 71, which is the Chatham Troop. Four Sea Scouts ended up the uniformed procession. Waving American flags the Children of Chatham School Elementary passed as a group. With the band blowing full blast, the Parade moved down proudly Main Street, touching Veterans Field, and then going to Sears Park. The different sections were drawn up in a half circle around the World War monument. Commander Wholly addressed the audience on the meaning of Memorial Day. The Chaplain then asked for divine blessing. Then the band played after this Mr. Wholly spoke. He asked that they should carry on the spirit on their fallen comrades. A salute for the dead was then fired. Two members of the band played Taps in unison, which was answered faintly from afar. Arriving at Sears Park, from Veterans Field, the procession drew up on Main Street, while the Legionnaires entered the Park. A wreath was placed by the Sergeant-at-arms upon the Civil War monument. Taps and salutes were given respectively. The parade then marched to the Legion Hall, they starting point where it dispersed. May 31

New School Planned

A group of women from Chatham recently requested Mr. Small of the State Education Department whether the Cape could have a vocational school. That is what is back of the survey whether Chatham graduates since 1935 would like a vocational school. The survey is being conducted by a state investigator. Though plans are indefinite until the survey is finished. If the school is erected it will be somewhere in the center of Cape Cod and will serve all of Cape Cod. Results of the survey have not been made public yet. See editorial page for comments.

Snow White Comes Here

June 12, 13, 14, Snow White and the Seven Dwarf's Walt Disney's record breaking money maker will be in Chatham on the 12, 13, 14, of June. Snow White showed for four weeks in Radio City Music Hall, longer than any picture which has been there. By Alice Gilbert.

The Monoroy Theatre Will open July 2 for a ten week run here in Chatham at the Chatham Guild House; Mary Winslow is producer. It is a non-profit organization, and it's producer hopes it will become a permanent summer and winter Theatre group.

The Memorial Day Baseball game between Chatham and Hyannis began at Three fifteen, three quarters of an hour late. The first three innings it looked as if the teams were evenly matched for neither team scored. Beginning in the fourth inning Hyannis got two outs on Chatham. M. Doane No. 3, of the rally with a two bagger. Four runs were gained before Chatham went back into the field. Tony Slavin returned to pitch for Chatham. The final score was 9 to 0 in Chatham's favor.

Items of Interest

The New York Sandwich Shop opened Saturday May 28th.

The Dramatic Club presented "Fly Away Home" May 26 and 27th.

The Chatham Chatter's new Speed-o-Print arrived May 28th.

The Boy Scouts Sale was held in front of the Band Stand on May 28th. Proceeds will go for the camping trip which they will soon make.

The Stage Harbor Yacht Club is planning to erect a club house, sometime during the summer.

Luncheon

The Church Luncheon under the sponsorship of the Ladies Aid Society and the Young's People's Society of the Methodist Church began at 12:00. Included on the menu were Meat-Loaf, Potato Salad, Cole-slaw, and for dessert continued on Page 4

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Memorial Day

By

A Friend

Memorial Day. It certainly is some-
thing more than the first summer
holiday.

It is a day dedicated to the mem-
ory of the men who died to make
America free, for which we all
ought to be grateful.

Memorial day is a day dedicated, at
least in part, to those beloved
characters, who bring to mind Con-
cord, Lexington, Yorktown, Santiago,
San Juan Hill, Gettysburg, and
Chatham Quarry, or where ever
men fought with all giving purpose
in preserving the freedom of Amer-
ica.

Decoration Day. That was the old
New England name. One wonders how
many wreaths placed upon Soldiers
graves today were made in good old
New England.

There was a time when Decoration
Day was a town and family affair.
There were so many wreaths made
at home from flowers gathered by
the children that the Governors
could boast that no soldiers
grave went undecorated on Decora-
tion Day.

The G.A.R. was then a big factor
in town affairs and the parade
to the graves lingers in our
memory. And after the Spanish War
there were two new graves. Now
says Oliver Wendell Holmes in
typical mood. "Make three wreaths,"
two for those who waited long
and mourned him.

Mismanagement

The length of time which it has
taken to set up a curbstone on
Cedar St. is netrocious. Last March
the Editor was here. Con't at Top.

Two months later and the only
improvement is a curbstone which
isn't finished. The Chatter does
not mean to blow everything up
and we don't think that is the
purpose of the paper but the facts
are that the WPA project has been
mismanaged. What do you think of
this. The Chatter is anxious to
recieve a letters on this subject
which we will gladly publish.

It Deserves

The move which has been made to es-
tablish a vocational School on
Cape Cod deserves the support of
every citizen in the town of
Chatham. For several years now we
have had a Cape Cod improvement
plan. If we have a vocational
School on Cape Cod it will train
the coming generation in the trades
and therefore carry out a new im-
provement plan for Cape Cod.
Though the plan is still indefin-
ite (see page 1) we are sure that
this school will include in it's
curriculum things which will be
useful to Cape Cod students. I re-
peat this plan deserves the sup-
port of every citizen of Chatham.

Chatham Naval Reserve

By

Samuel Freedman

The Chatham Unit of the United
States Naval Communication Reser-
ve has enlisted 19 men during the
past year under the command of
Ensign Samuel Freedman USNR. Al-
though comprised mostly of Chatham
men, this Unit has been meeting
at the new Harwich High School re-
gularly on Monday nights because
of the more advantageous quart-
ers available there. The Unit
commander recently received a
shipment of rifles and small arms
and all hands are now being
trained in the manual of arms.
The Unit roster now comprises
Radiomen, Seamen, Signalmen, Yeo-
men, and Apprentices, ratings.
All hands will during the next
few weeks receive a full uniform
and to observe a service atmes-
phere at all meetings.

The final meeting at headquarters
will be held Monday June 13th af-
ter which the men will of their
own volition meet Monday even-
ings 7:30 pm on the Chatham Ath-
letic Field for Infantry Drill,
during the summer months. The
men voted to continue meetings
during the summer in order to
brush up on their skills in one
or to be able to the New
contin...

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The Perfect Swim

I had made a vow.
And, always before I
had kept every vow.
But this looked bad.
I had sworn I should
go in swimming on
May 31. In the morn-
ing I had touched
the water that I
was going to go in
swimming (?) in the
afternoon. It hadn't
seemed quite so bad
even then. But now,
wow! I thought it
was so cold that a
Pole, would freeze
his fingers off.

I saw a friend of
mine slinging big
black circular things
with black "sticks"
sticking out of it.
I went up to him and
asked him why he was
throwing. He re-
plied with consider-
able effect upon
me. I answered, "Her-
seshoc Crabs! No
swimming for me! I'll
get bitten!" "They
don't bite. The only
bite that they are
amoying is when
they are turned over,"
and suiting action to
words he threw a few
crabs in upside down.
"That happens if you
step on one when its
upside-down?" I ask-
ed fearfully. "Well,
their insides turn
out, that's all."
My own insides al-
most turned out at
this thought. Must-
ering courage, I
went out three feet.
Brr. It was cold. I
stayed out in three
feet of water for
about five minutes.
My companion, who
was dressed, and an
oldtimer, looked on
critically. "Look
out, there's a crab
behind you. Run for
your life!" I quick-
ly made a belly-
flop and splashed a-
way.

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Memorial Day

In 1870 one of the
generals who had
fought in the Civil
War got an idea. He
said that on May 30,
each year we should
honor the dead who
had died for our
country, ever since
then we have cele-
brated May 30, as
Memorial Day. On
this Day, we give ti-
bute nowadays to
the dead of all our
Wars.

This year an aero-
plane flew over the
place where the bat-
tle of Gettysburg
was fought.

Two men were in the
plane. One a 95 yr.
old man who had
fought for General
Lee in the battle
of Gettysburg. The
other a 93 yr. old
man was from N.Y.
and was fighting for
General Meade.

By Frank B. Gilbert

Marine Column

The Monomoy Yacht Club
has finished it's
club house next to the
boat building shop and
has cleared a parking
space for it's mem-
bers exclusively ac-
ross the road. The
Stage Harbor Yacht
Club adopted in a spe-
cial meeting a plan to
erect a club house
above Crowell's fish
wharf. (The plan of it
will be published in
the next issue.) The
boats are being
painted up now and it
looks as if in a week
or so we will have a
good sized fleet in
Stage Harbor. Mr. Tio-
ner is fitting out his
yacht which he bought
last September. The
Stage Harbor Yacht
Club will begin it's
pages on July 4th.

Miss Shirley Haller
has been offered and ac-
cepted an apprenticeship
in the Monomoy
Theatre.

Police Radio Successful
By Samuel Freedman, Radio
adviser, Barnstable
City Pol. Rdo. System)
The Barnstable County
Police Radio System
now operating under a
special act of the Mass.
Legislature signed by
Governor Hurley March
17th has in the space of
two months already be-
come the third most im-
portant police radio
system in the common-
wealth of Massachusetts.
It is only exceeded in
importance by the City
of Boston's 78 Radi-
stations and the Mass.
State Police. It has
already this year saved
the taxpayers of Cape
Cod unestimatable
sums by its efficiency
and ability to expedite
police and fire busi-
ness.

84 Law Enforcement Offi-
cers on Cape Cod now
hold Radio Telephone
3rd Class Licenses
issued by the Federal
communications commis-
sions. 11 two way radio
stations are now in
operation on Cape Cod.
Not less than 4 more
are contemplated this year.
Its use by Fire Depart-
ments may greatly
increase this number.
Great credit should be
given Sheriff Crocker
of this County for his
ability and efforts in
establishing the system
on a permanent and sound
basis.

With exception of
Chatham and Provincetown
every town on Cape Cod
having an organized
police department
adopted two way Radio
at town meeting this
year. It is believed
these two towns will
also follow suit as
their police departments
are placed at a great
disadvantage as compared
to other departments.

Mr. Samuel Freedman has
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in the Monomoy
Theatre.



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THE CHATHAM CHATTER ANNOUNCES

For a long time THE CHATTER has been looking for a mascot. At last we have found one in "Peppy" the Gilbert dog. We officially announce Peppy's appointment as mascot of THE CHATHAM CHATTER. Peppy is a short-haired, medium-sized, brown dog. He also has a white stripe around his neck and throat, and he has white legs, and a white, black, and brown tail. He has a BLACK NOSE! Anyone who wishes to inspect Peppy may call at THE CHATTER office.

Received Appropriation.

Chatham was one of the many Cape Cod towns which received an appropriation for Post Office buildings. Congress has provided \$75,000 for Chatham, \$70,000 for Buzzards Bay, \$85,000 for Falmouth.

Noah's Ark

In Chatham today we seem to have two of everything. We have two electricians, three Barber Shops, enough gasoline stations for forty years, two Drug Stores, two Lunch Counters, a host of Grocery stores. Also two Ship Yards. In other words Chatham is not such a bad place after all.

The Perfect Swim (continued from page 3)

When I had gotten a safe distance away, I turned to look back. To my great surprise there was no horse-shoe crab. I tried to look suspiciously at my "friend." But by that time he was over the hills. If he had stayed near, he would have been wet despite the fact that he had clothes on, in a short while.

Peter Dodde

Chatham Naval Reserve (cont'd from page 2)

at Boston Navy Yard next May. The Unit Commander reports that the Chatham Unit now has more than enough Men to form a platoon of two squads and new applications for enlistment makes very probable the establishment of two platoons comprising of four squads, which means that the Chatham Unit will become one of the largest and most important in New England. The mission of this organization is to procure and train the necessary Officers and Men required to man the naval communication service in the event of a national emergency.

Lunchcon
(continued on p. 1)

Jello and whipped cream. The entrance fee was thirty-five cents. Attending was

the Band, the Guards, and other officials. Approximately 90 people attended.

The Cash boy Kidnapped

Last Saturday night, near Miami, Florida, the five year old Cash boy was kidnapped. A little while after the boy was kidnapped, his uncle called up and said he knew about the disappearance and had found a note that asked \$10,000 ransom which was the exact amount of money that the boy's father, owner of a small chain of gas stations, had in the bank. On the back of the ransom note was a map showing where to go to pay the ransom money. On the first trip of Mr. Cash he was unsuccessful, but on the second time he had a few secretive words with the kidnapers. He reached home and told his wife that he would have a phone call before noon from the kidnapers telling where to pick up their son. Noon, and no phone call. Angry farmers said that they would go out and find the kidnapers. They could not find the boy or the kidnapers. All hope that the boy is alive. Now "G-men" are looking for the boy. Said J. Edgar Hoover, "The only reason that kidnapping is continuing is that the kidnapers are not captured. In 1935-'36 kidnapping was not done. In 1937 the Matson and Ross cases, the kidnapers were not found. And within the last half of the year, now the B. G.

